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1. Between 18 and 29 April 1951, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne on the south side of the Rehagen-Klausdorf (N 53°2' 81) road, west of the Rehagen railroad station, quartered a unit which was commanded by a colonel who rode in sedan [REDACTED]. Two gun crews were seen practicing with 76.2 mm AT guns in the billeting area. An AT artillery unit with three 85 mm AT guns was engaged in firing at a target range about 0.5 km south of Klausdorf. Another unit with two 76.2 mm AT guns, towed by trucks [REDACTED], went the target range. No other Soviet military quarters or barracks installations were observed on the east side of the Rehagen-Klausdorf road. (1)

2. The barracks installation which was part of the former German engineer training site on Schunkasee, is also called Schunka Kaserne. It is located 1 km northwest of Sperenberg and 1 km south of Kummersdorf, and quartered an engineer unit under the command of Major Tionov, (fmu). The unit, which numbered about 600 troops with black-bordered black epaulets, left by rail during the night of 23 April, and were allegedly going to a training site on the Elbe River. Only a rear detail of 44 men remained at the installation, but it was allegedly to depart soon. A German workman employed in the Schunka Kaserne stated that a high-echelon engineer headquarters would move into the installation. The building which was to quarter the commanding general was being re-conditioned. (2)

3. The barracks installation on the south side of the Kummersdorf-Gottow road quartered a Soviet tank unit.

4. The Artillerie Kaserne at the Kummersdorf railroad station was occupied by a Soviet artillery unit which was referred to as Unit Zilenkov, after its supply officer. The unit was equipped with an undetermined number of 76.2 mm field howitzers and departed by rail about the middle of April, leaving behind only a guard detail. (3)

5. The former officers' mess quartered an AAA unit which was called Unit Zebastinov, after its supply officer. On 25 April, a unit of 40 men equipped with 4x75 mm AA guns and 5 trucks, [REDACTED] moved to the open field opposite the Kummersdorf railroad

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station and practiced driving there. (4)

6. The former arsenal has been converted into a military theater, and the former post commander's residence into a mess and PX for all units at the post. The former post headquarters building quartered a Soviet headquarters.

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[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) The AT artillery unit in the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne, Rehagen, is believed to be a component of the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Mecz Army.
- (2) The engineer unit in the Schumka Kaserne is probably a headquarters unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army. Since another source observed a troop train en route from Sperenberg to Wittenberg on 26 April 1951, it is believed that the engineer unit may have gone to Wittenberg.
- (3) The artillery unit in the Artillerie Kaserne at the Kummersdorf railroad station is probably a component unit of the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Mecz Army.
- (4) The AAA unit in the former officers' mess is believed to belong to the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Mecz Army.

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